

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney expresses appreciation for courtesy extended by Examiner Raquel Alvarez in a telephone interview initiated by her on March 1, 2001. During that interview, the Examiner advised applicants that claims 37-47, 55 and 57, which had previously been allowed in the parent application, needed to be canceled from that case and, if desired, introduced into this divisional application for further prosecution.

Applicants agreed to have those claims canceled by Examiner's amendment in the parent application without prejudice, and by this second preliminary amendment presents them in this divisional application for further examination.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Claims 37-47, 55, and 57 are reintroduced without change from the parent case.


Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1-7, 9-16, 20, 33, 34, 36, 37-48, 50-57 and 59.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation with applicants' attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

Sincerely,

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